

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MEXICO 07124 211847Z

43

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 VOE-00 SCA-01 JUSE-00 INSE-00 ARAE-00

SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01

SP-03 SS-20 SIL-01 LAB-06 FBIE-00 DRC-01 /090 W

----- 009950

O 211746Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3395

UNCLAS MEXICO 7124

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, MX

SUBJ: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: TEXT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY'S NOTE

REF: MEXICO, 7114

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FIRST
PERSON NOTE SENT BY FOREIGN SECRETARIAT ON AUGUST 20

(REFTEL):

2. "I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S KIND
NOTE NO. 1094, DATED JULY 26TH, IN WHICH YOU COMMUNICATED
TO ME THE POINTS OF VIEW OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THE QUESTION
OF MEXICAN MIGRATORY WORKERS.

3. "WHILE RECOGNIZING THE MAGNITUDE AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF
THE PROBLEM CREATED BY THE GREAT NUMBER OF THOSE WORKERS
WHO, EACH YEAR, ENTER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN SEARCH
OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT, WITHOUT HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE
AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWS, YOUR EXCELLENCY STATES,
NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA DOES NOT CONSIDER THE SIGNING OF A NEW AGREEMENT
ON MIGRATORY WORKERS SUCH AS THAT WHICH WAS FORMERLY IN
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MEXICO 07124 211847Z

EFFECT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO BE FEASIBLE, AND POINTS

OUT THE MEASURES WHICH THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING IN ORDER TO PICK UP, DOCUMENT AND RETURN TO MEXICO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEXICAN CITIZENS APPREHENDED EACH YEAR FOR HAVING ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY. FINALLY, YOUR EXCELLENCY FORMULATES A REQUEST FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT MEXICO MIGHT 'SERIOUSLY CONSIDER WHAT MEASURES IT MAY TAKE TO PREVENT THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF MEXICAN CITIZENS INTO THE UNITED STATES.'

4. "IN REPLY, I WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THIS PROBLEM, DUE TO ITS HIGH PRIORITY, HAS OCCUPIED THE PREFERENTIAL ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HIS TERM, AS I HAD THE HONOR TO STATE IN MY NOTE A-246 OF JUNE 19TH THIS YEAR; THAT THE PROBLEM IS OF A BILATERAL NATURE OR CHARACTER, THAT IS, THAT IT AFFECTS NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES BUT MEXICO; THAT IT IS THE CONCERN OF BOTH TO FIND THE EFFECTIVE AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION; THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO DOES NOT FAVOR OR ENCOURAGE THE EMIGRATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS SINCE IT BELIEVES THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD ASPIRE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE NEEDS OF ALL ITS PEOPLE, AND THAT IT HAS DURING THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS BEEN CARRYING OUT IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO OFFSET THE CAUSES FROM WHICH THE MIGRATORY CURRENT TO THE UNITED STATES ORIGINATE BY TAKING ACTION TO ATTRACT THE SURPLUS UNOCCUPIED RURAL WORKERS, PROMOTING THE CREATION OF NEW SOURCES OF WORK AND, PRINCIPALLY, BY REORGANIZING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION; THAT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT CONSIDERS THAT AN ECONOMIC-SOCIAL AND HUMAN PROBLEM OF SUCH A NATURE CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY RESOLVED THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF REPRESSIVE MEASURES SINCE, EVEN THOUGH THE LEGAL CAPACITY EXISTS FOR MAKING USE OF SUCH MEASURES AS IS THE CASE IN THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO ITS IMMIGRATION LAWS, EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT SUCH MEASURES DO NOT PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, ARE THE SOURCE OF PREJUDICIAL AND NEGATIVE COLLATERAL EFFECTS. FOR THIS REASON, I MUST REITERATE, AS I HAVE ALREADY INDICATED IN MY NOTE A-246, THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT IN THE SENSE THAT 'THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT TO BE FOUND THERE BUT IN THE RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT A DEMAND FOR MEXICAN

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MEXICO 07124 211847Z

HANDS CONTINUES TO EXIST IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THIS PHENOMENON SHOULD BE LEGALLY REGULATED THROUGH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.'

5. "MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE, IN EFFECT, THAT THE BEST MANNER IN WHICH 'OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD COOPERATE IN ORDER TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO DISCOURAGE AND CONTROL

THE ENTRY OF MEXICAN WORKERS INTO THE UNITED STATES' WOULD BE THROUGH A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH, UPON SATISFYING THE DEMAND FOR LABORERS WHICH CONTINUES TO EXIST IN THE UNITED STATES, WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF WORKERS. THE TWO ASPECTS OF THE POBLEM, EVEN THOUGH DIFFERENT, ARE INDISSOLUBLY UNITED.

6. "I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE TESTIMONY OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."
JOVA

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: IMMIGRATION CONTROL, TEXT, MIGRATORY WORKERS, DIPLOMATIC NOTES, TRANSLATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 AUG 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MEXICO07124
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740230-0905
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740830/aaaaazkw.tel
Line Count: 126
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: MEXICO, 7114
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: elyme
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 JUN 2002 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <27 JAN 2003 by elyme>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: TEXT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY'S NOTE
TAGS: PBOR, MX, US, (RABASA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005